

Vacancy Announcement



American Embassy, Ankara

SUBJECT: **Vacancy Announcement** **NUMBER: VA-2015/44A** **DATE: January 14, 2016**

THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR THE INFORMATION SPECIALIST POSITION (REF 2015/44) NEED NOT RE-APPLY AS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS WILL REMAIN VALID UNTIL THIS RECRUITMENT IS FINALIZED.

OPEN TO: Current Employees under Chief of Mission Authority; US Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs), Eligible Family Members (EFMs), and Members of Household (MOH) under Chief of Mission Authority – All Agencies under Chief of Mission Authority

With reference to the Vacancy Announcement No.VA-2015/44, Information Specialist position is re-announced with the following changes in *italic and underlined*.

POSITION: Information Specialist
FSN-10 or appropriate training level

OPENING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: *Opening of business on January 14, 2016*

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: *Close of business on January 22, 2016*

WORK HOURS: Full-time, 40 hours per week

SALARY: Ordinarily Resident (OR) Training Level: TL 74, 152- Full Performance Level: TL 105, 185 p.a. **(The salary is gross, deductions are made for the employee share for social security coverage and optional supplemental health benefits and tax is levied on any cash payment made by employer, including bonuses and allowances).**

NOTE: ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT APPLICANTS MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey is seeking an individual for the Information Specialist position in the Public Affairs Section of the Embassy.

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION:

The Information Specialist is one of three unique senior positions in the Information Division (Info) of the Public Affairs Section (PAS). The incumbent is directly supervised by the Information Officer (IO), takes general guidance from the Assistant Information Officer (AIO), and reports to the Public Affairs Officer (PAO) as the head of PAS. The incumbent is heavily engaged in supporting U.S. Mission goals, including, but not limited to, monitoring and developing relations with Turkish media, advising on media within the U.S. Mission, supporting Embassy activities and initiatives, and supporting Turkey-based and visiting USG officials when traveling in and outside of the capital of Ankara.

A copy of the complete position description listing all duties and responsibilities is available in the Human Resources Office. Contact HR Office at 457-7503.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED:

NOTE: All applicants must address each selection criterion detailed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item.

Following are the **MINIMUM** qualifications for the **FSN-10 FULL PERFORMANCE LEVEL**:

1. Education: Minimum four year university degree/diploma in the field of journalism, communications, or media is required. *Completion of 2 years college or university studies and 7 years of experience can be substituted for bachelor's degree and 5 years of experience.*
2. Work Experience: Minimum FIVE YEARS of work experience working with Turkish print, broadcast, and electronic media at the journalist, writer, news editor, bureau chief, PR, advertising levels is required. Familiarity with electronic media is essential.
3. Language: Level IV (Fluent) in Speaking/Reading/Writing English and Turkish are required. Language proficiency will be tested. Interpretation and translation tests will be conducted.
4. Other Criteria and Skills: Detailed knowledge of Turkish print, broadcast, on-line media, and exposure to new social media; familiarity with event planning, press conferences, interviews, stakeouts, background briefings, and media/info campaigns; extensive knowledge of Turkey's media, political, economic and social structures, major institutions and political parties, the key personalities in the mass media and government, and an excellent understanding of U.S. foreign policy and society; ability to write on deadline in journalistic fashion for press releases, features, media summaries, and media notes; excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills; computer skills including standard office programs; drafting skills including the timely editing of documents using standard office software; ability to develop and maintain regular contacts with news reporters, bureau chiefs, editors, government officials, , and other media personalities and experts is required. The incumbent must be available to work on evenings, weekends, early mornings, U.S. and Turkish Holidays.

Following are the **MINIMUM** qualifications for the **FSN-9 TRAINEE LEVEL**:

1. Education: Minimum four year university degree/diploma in the field of journalism, communications, or media is required. Completion of 2 years college or university studies and 6 years of experience can be substituted for bachelor's degree and 4 years of experience.
2. Work Experience: Minimum FOUR YEARS of work experience working with Turkish print, broadcast, and electronic media at the journalist, writer, news editor, bureau chief, PR, advertising levels is required. Familiarity with electronic media is essential.
3. Language: Level IV (Fluent) in Speaking/Reading/Writing English and Turkish are required. Language proficiency will be tested. Interpretation and translation tests will be conducted.
4. Other Criteria and Skills: Detailed knowledge of Turkish print, broadcast, on-line media, and exposure to new social media; familiarity with event planning, press conferences, interviews, stakeouts, background briefings, and media/info campaigns; extensive knowledge of Turkey's media, political, economic and social structures, major institutions and political parties, the key personalities in the mass media and government; ability to write on deadline in journalistic fashion for press releases, features, media summaries, and media notes; excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills; computer skills including standard office programs; drafting skills including the timely editing of documents using standard office software; ability to develop and maintain regular contacts with news reporters, bureau chiefs, editors, government officials, and other media personalities and experts is required. The incumbent must be available to work on evenings, weekends, early mornings, U.S. and Turkish Holidays.

Following are the **MINIMUM** qualifications for the **FSN-8 TRAINEE LEVEL**:

1. Education: Minimum four year university degree/diploma in the field of journalism, communications, or media is required. Completion of 2 years college or university studies and 5 years of experience can be substituted for bachelor's degree and 3 years of experience.
2. Work Experience: Minimum THREE YEARS of work experience working with Turkish print, broadcast, and electronic media at the journalist, writer, news editor, bureau chief, PR, advertising levels is required. Familiarity with electronic media is essential.
3. Language: Level IV (Fluent) in Speaking/Reading/Writing English and Turkish are required. Language proficiency will be tested. Interpretation and translation tests will be conducted.
4. Other Criteria and Skills: Detailed knowledge of Turkish print, broadcast, on-line media, and exposure to new social media; familiarity with event planning, press conferences, interviews, stakeouts, background briefings, and media/info campaigns; extensive knowledge of Turkey's media, political, economic and social structures, major institutions and political parties, the key personalities in the mass media and government; ability to write on deadline in journalistic fashion for press releases, features, media summaries, and media notes; excellent organizational, interpersonal, and communication skills; computer

skills including standard office programs; drafting skills including the timely editing of documents using standard office software; ability to develop and maintain regular contacts with news reporters, bureau chiefs, editors, government officials, and other media personalities and experts; is required. The incumbent must be available to work on evenings, weekends, early mornings, U.S. and Turkish Holidays.

SELECTION PROCESS

When fully qualified, U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and U.S. Veterans are given preference. Therefore, it is essential that the candidate specifically address the required qualifications above in the application.

USEFM and U.S. Veteran candidates generally have an equal preference in hiring; however, a U.S. Citizen EFM who is also a U.S. Veteran receives preference in hiring before all other preference candidates.

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management will consider nepotism/conflict of interest, budget, and residency status in determining successful candidacy.
2. Current employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply.
3. Current Ordinarily Resident (OR) employees with an Overall Summary Rating that is below 100 on their most recent Employee Performance Report are not eligible to apply.
4. Currently employed US Citizen EFMs who hold a Family Member Appointment (FMA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment.
5. Currently employed NORs hired under a Personal Services Agreement (PSA) are ineligible to apply for advertised positions within the first 90 calendar days of their employment unless currently hired into a position with a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
6. Military Service (for male applicants): Completion of compulsory military service is required.

TO APPLY

Interested candidates for this position must submit the following for consideration of the application:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) as a Locally Employed Staff or Family Member (**DS-174**) that downloaded from http://turkey.usembassy.gov/job_opportunities.html; or
2. A current resume or curriculum vitae that provides the same information found on the UAE (see Appendix B); or
3. A combination of both; i.e. Sections 1 -24 of the UAE along with a listing of the applicant's work experience attached as a separate sheet; plus

4. Candidates who claim U.S. Veterans preference must provide a copy of their Form DD-214 with their application. Candidates who claim conditional U.S. Veterans preference must submit documentation confirming eligibility for a conditional preference in hiring with their application.
5. Any other documentation (e.g. copies of university diploma, ID card, driver's license, military discharge document, essays, certificates, awards, copies of degrees earned) that addresses the qualification requirements of the position as listed above.

The vacancy announcement published on the U.S. Embassy website supersedes all other announcements. Please note that the Human Resources Office no longer accepts applications delivered to the U.S. Embassy in person. All applications must be submitted via e-mail, fax or, mail. If the application is sent via e-mail, applicants should receive a confirmation e-mail which states that the application is received by the Human Resources Office. Applicants should contact Recruitment Assistant (see the contact information below), if they do not receive an auto reply confirming receipt of their application.

E-MAIL, FAX OR MAIL APPLICATION TO:

Human Resources Office
Attention: Recruitment Assistant
American Embassy, Ankara, Turkey
Telephone: (0090) (312) 457-7503
Fax: (0090) (312) 457-7322
E-mail: hrankara@state.gov

Please note: Short listing and interviews are normally completed within six weeks of the closing date. Please assume that your application has been unsuccessful if you have not heard from us within six weeks of the closing date.

CLOSING DATE FOR THIS POSITION: CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JANUARY 22, 2016

The U.S. Mission in Turkey provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs.

The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

**Appendix A
DEFINITIONS**



1. **Eligible Family Member (EFM):** An individual related to a U.S. Government employee in one of the following ways:
 - Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610);
 - Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchildren and adopted children and those under legal guardianship of the employee or the spouse when such children are expected to be under such legal guardianship until they reach 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian;
 - Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of the employee or of the spouse, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support;
 - Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, or of the spouse, when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support.
2. **U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM):** For purposes of receiving a preference in hiring for a qualified position, an EFM who meets the following criteria:
 - U.S. Citizen; and,
 - EFM (see above) at least 18 years old; and,
 - Listed on the travel orders of a direct-hire Foreign, Civil, or uniformed service member assigned to or stationed abroad with a USG agency that is under COM authority, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and either:
 - Resides at the sponsoring employee's or uniformed service member's post of assignment abroad or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
 - Resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2.
3. **Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM):** EFM (see above) eligible for a Family Member Appointment for purposes of Mission employment:
 - Is a U.S. citizen; and
 - Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) or a child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; and
 - Is listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126, Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report, of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT), and who is under chief of mission authority; and
 - Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, office of the American Institute in Taiwan.

- Does not receive a Foreign Service or Civil Service annuity

4. **Member of Household (MOH):** An individual who accompanies a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed at a U.S. Foreign Service post or establishment abroad, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan. An MOH is:
 - Not an EFM; and,
 - Not on the travel orders of the sponsoring employee; and,
 - Has been officially declared by the sponsoring USG employee to the COM as part of his/her household.

A MOH is under COM authority and may include a parent, unmarried partner, other relative or adult child who falls outside the Department's current legal and statutory definition of family member. A MOH does not have to be a U.S. Citizen.

5. **Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR):** An individual who:
 - Is not a citizen of the host country; and,
 - Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and,
 - Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws; and,
 - Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN).

NOR employees are compensated under a GS or FS salary schedule, not under the LCP.

6. **Ordinarily Resident (OR):** A Foreign National or U.S. citizen who:
 - Is locally resident; and,
 - Has legal, permanent resident status within the host country; and,
 - Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.

EFMs without U.S. Social Security Numbers are also OR. All OR employees, including U.S. citizens, are compensated in accordance with the Local Compensation Plan (LCP).

Appendix B

If an applicant is submitting a resume or curriculum vitae, s/he must provide the following information equal to what is found on the UAE.

Failure to do so will result in an incomplete application.

- A. Position Title
- B. Position Grade
- C. Vacancy Announcement Number (if known)
- D. Dates Available for Work
- E. First, Middle, & Last Names as well as any other names used
- F. Current Address, Day, Evening, and Cell phone numbers
- G. U.S. Citizenship Status (Yes or No) & status of permanent U.S. Resident (Yes or No; if yes, provide number)
- H. U.S. Social Security Number and/or Identification Number
- I. Eligibility to work in the country (Yes or No)
- J. Special Accommodations the Mission needs to provide (Yes or No; if yes, provide explanation)
- K. If applying for position that includes driving a U.S. Government vehicle, Driver's License Class/Type

- L. Days available to work
- M. List any relatives or members of your household that work for the U.S. Government (include their Name, Relationship, & Agency, Position, Location)
- N. U.S. Eligible Family Member and Veterans Hiring Preference
- O. Education
- P. License, Skills, Training, Membership, & Recognition
- Q. Language Skills
- R. Work Experience
- S. References

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